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1. [redacted] ship was about ten nautical miles off the coast near Ventspils (N 57-30, E 21-35) heading for the Bay of Riga. Three small naval vessels appeared a short distance south of the light at Ventspils, and they took up positions about two miles aft of [redacted] ship. [redacted] the naval vessels moved slowly [redacted] but as soon as it became light they passed [redacted] ship and went into Riga (N 56-58, E 24-05).

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2. [redacted] the following naval vessels were seen in the naval harbor on the southwest side of the mouth of the Daugava River:

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- a. Two submarines of the same type. One was in the harbor and the other was just backing out. [redacted]

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[redacted] It had a high conning tower with a mast aft of it, and a gun on both the fore and afterdeck (see sketch No. 1).

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- b. Farther out in the basin there was a small destroyer [redacted] It had one stack, a gun turret with two guns on both the foredeck and the afterdeck, and there were minelaying rails aft (see sketch No. 2).

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- c. Two gray transport ships, each of about 4,000 DWT; they had no special equipment.

- d. Many small vessels of various types.

3. One day twelve to fifteen MTBs were seen in the river outside the export harbor. They left the river in groups of three in line formation and an hour later they returned singly at a speed of thirty-five to forty knots. They continued farther up the river. All the vessels were similar. [redacted]

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[redacted] The vessels looked new. They each had one torpedo tube on each side. The roar of the engines was very loud and exhaust was expelled from both sides (see sketch No. 3).

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4. On quay No. 11 in the export harbor there were two parallel crane tracks. On the outer track there were several five-ton cranes and a 45-ton crane which had a radius of about seventy feet. The latter crane placed some 8- to 10-ton bundles of railroad tracks on the outside of the hatches on [] ship, which is 62 feet wide. On the inside track there was also a 45-ton crane which was used to move cargo from the quay area. All the cranes were electric. A railroad track ran between the outermost crane tracks. About fifty meters of the quay was in need of repair and work with pilings and pile drivers was under way to repair it. 25X1
5. Men's ties were the most sought after goods on the local black market. The price varied from ten to thirty rubles according to the quality. [] 25X1
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6. On the west side of the river above the export quay informant saw a landing field with two runways. One runway lay in a northwest to southeast direction and the other in a east to west direction. The runways were dark gray and the area around them was covered with grass; [] the runways were too light in color to have been asphalt. 25X1
7. There was continuous traffic both day and night at the field. [] four types of aircraft. Most of the aircraft were shiny aluminum jet planes with sharply swept-back wings. The tail assembly on these aircraft was about as high as one-third the length of the fuselage. [] the under structure was very high (see sketches Nos. 7 and 8). There were also some propeller-driven jet aircraft (sic) which resembled Spitfires, and a few slow old biplanes. The airfield was also used by twin-engined passenger aircraft. They did not use the runways but landed on the grass. 25X1
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8. In the area south of the airfield there were several factories. [] several chimneys, two which were very tall. One of the tall chimneys emitted heavy smoke during the day and at night; the other chimney emitted a white smoke [] 25X1
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9. [] four naval vessels were seen in the Baltic Sea on a southerly course twenty-five to thirty miles from Ovisi Point (N 57-35, E 21-40). The vessels were moving in line formation at about 15 knots. The first vessel was the OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA (see sketch No. 4); the next vessel was the ADMIRAL MAKAROV (see sketch No. 5), followed by two destroyers. The two destroyers were similar. [] Each had one gun turret with two guns on the foredeck, a bridge with a mast on the after edge of the bridge, two stacks with a gun between them, and one turret with one gun protruding from it on the afterdeck (see sketch No. 6). 25X1
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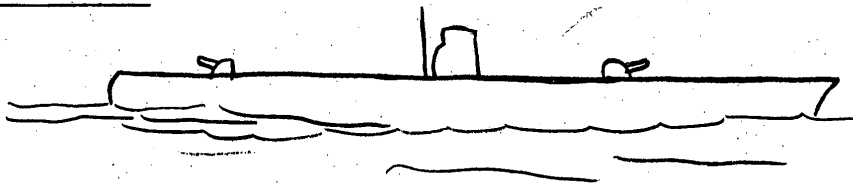
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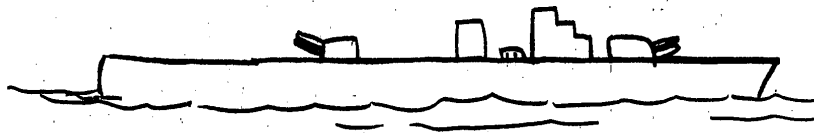
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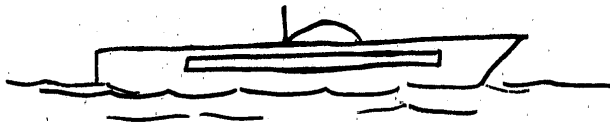
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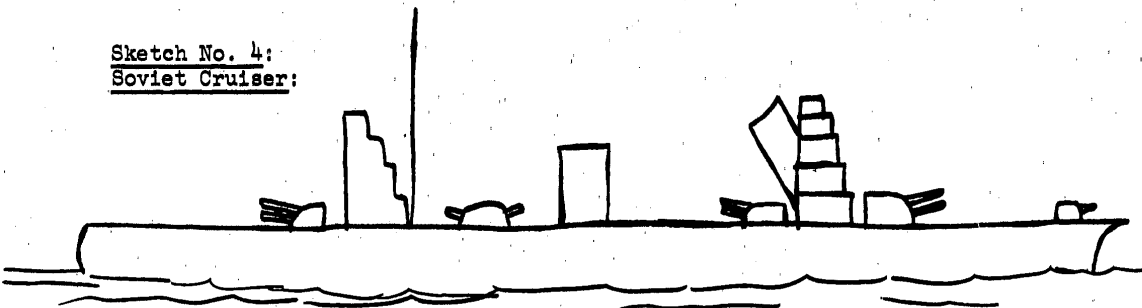
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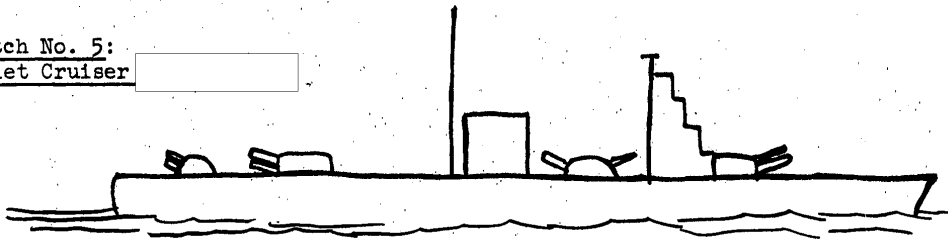
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Soviet MTB:



Sketch No. 4:
Soviet Cruiser:

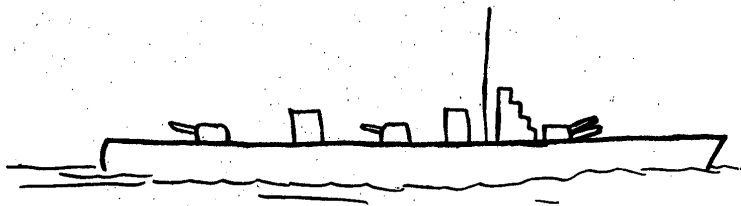


Sketch No. 5:
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Sketch No. 6:
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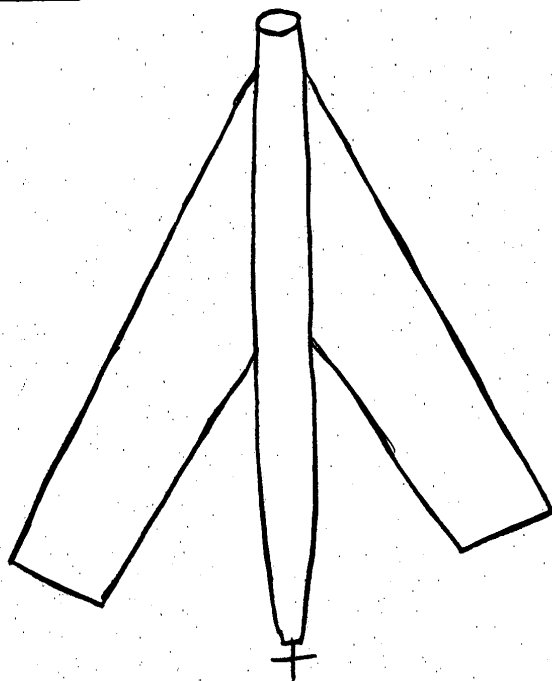
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Sketch No. 7:
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Sketch No. 8:
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